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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ara HOVANESSIAN et al.

Application No.: 09/393,302

Filed: September 10, 1999

For: A NOVEL CELL SURFACE
RECEPTOR FOR HIV
RETROVIRUSES, THERAPEUTIC
AND DIAGNOSTIC USES

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Zeman, R.

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

This paper replies to the December 26, 2002, Final Office Action.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, and 24, and add new claims 25-39, as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) An inhibitor molecule that alters the interaction between a receptor located on the surface of a cell and a gp120 envelope glycoprotein of a HIV virus, wherein the inhibitor is chosen from at least one of:

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